



PATENT  
U.S. Attorney Docket No.: SP00-038

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No: 09/733,352 ) Art Group Unit: 1731  
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Filing Date: 12/8/2000 ) Examiner: Hoffman, John M  
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
TENSILE TESTING AND  
RETHREADING OPTICAL FIBER  
DURING FIBER DRAW

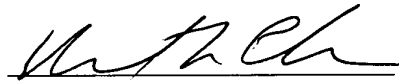
Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO OFFICIAL ACTION**

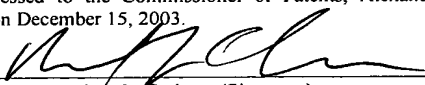
Applicants, through counsel, respectfully request a one (1) month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), or such other extension of time as is necessary, to respond to the Office Action dated August 13, 2003, currently due. Please charge the fee of \$110.00, and any additional fees or surcharges necessary to make this response timely, to the deposit account of the undersigned corporation, Deposit Account No. 03-3325, and credit any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 15, 2003

  
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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8:** I hereby certify that this paper and any papers referred to herein are being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service, as first class mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the Commissioner of Patents, Alexandria, Va 22313-1450 on December 15, 2003.

  
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